

who responded to treatment. For the purposes of this study, a decline in blood Phe levels of 30% was considered to be “responsive”, although patients who exhibit less of a decline would still benefit from BH4 treatment. The seven-day trial showed a sustained decrease in blood Phe concentration in 70% of the patients (14/20) taking 20 mg/kg. Of those 14 patients, 10 (71%) responded favorably to 10 mg/kg/day. Blood tyrosine was observed to increase in some but not all patients; some patients had increases of >80% from baseline tyrosine levels. The individual blood Phe responses to multiple doses of 10 mg/kg BH4 are shown in 11 adults (FIG. 17) and 9 children (FIG. 19). The individual blood Phe responses to multiple doses of 20 mg/kg BH4 are shown in 11 adults (FIG. 18) and in 9 children (FIG. 20).

Thus, a single-dose loading test was inadequate to identify patients who responded to BH4 treatment with a reduction in blood Phe level of 30% or more. A 7-day loading test successfully identified a high percentage of responsive patients. The 20 mg/kg, 7-day loading test with 6R-BH4 identified 70% of the PKU patients that responded to 20 mg/kg of BH4. Of the 14 responders, 71% also showed a 30% or greater reduction in blood Phe level with the lower dose of 10 mg/kg 6R-BH4.

The references cited herein throughout, to the extent that they provide exemplary procedural or other details supplementary to those set forth herein, are all specifically incorporated herein by reference.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating a subject with hyperphenylalaninemia due to tetrahydrobiopterin-responsive phenylketonuria, comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective total daily dosage of tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the administering is multiday, oral, and only once per day, and wherein the administering does not achieve controlled release of the BH4 in the gastrointestinal tract.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the administering is for at least 7 days.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is administered BH4 for at least 2 weeks.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said subject is administered BH4 for at least 6 weeks.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said subject suffers from severe phenylketonuria, moderate phenylketonuria, or mild phenylketonuria.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject suffers from severe phenylketonuria.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject suffers from mild phenylketonuria.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject has been diagnosed as having a mutant phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH).

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said mutant PAH comprises a mutation in the catalytic domain of PAH.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein said mutation comprises one or more mutations selected from the group consisting of F39L, L48S, I65T, R68S, A104D, S110C, D129G, E178G, V190A, P211T, R241C, R261Q, A300S, L308F, A313T, K320N, A373T, V388M, E390G, A395P, P407S, and Y414C.

11. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject has a plasma phenylalanine concentration of greater than 180 μ M prior to treatment with BH4.

12. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject has a plasma phenylalanine concentration of greater than 600 μ M prior to treatment with BH4.

13. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject has a plasma phenylalanine concentration of greater than 1000 μ M prior to treatment with BH4.

14. The method of claim 5, wherein said subject has a plasma phenylalanine concentration of greater than 1200 μ M prior to treatment with BH4.

15. The method of claim 5, wherein said administration of BH4 decreases the plasma phenylalanine concentration of said subject to less than 600 μ M.

16. The method of claim 5, wherein said administration of BH4 decreases the plasma phenylalanine concentration of said subject to less than 500 μ M.

17. The method of claim 5, wherein said administration of BH4 decreases the plasma phenylalanine concentration of said subject to less than 360 μ M.

18. The method of claim 5, wherein said BH4 is administered in a daily dose of between about 1 mg/kg to about 30 mg/kg.

19. The method of claim 5, wherein said BH4 is administered in a daily dose of between about 5 mg/kg to about 30 mg/kg.

20. The method of claim 5, wherein said BH4 is administered as a crystallized form stable for at least 3 months at 40° C. and 75% relative humidity.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein said crystallized form of BH4 comprises at least 99.5% pure (6R)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobiopterin.

22. The method of claim 5, further comprising administering to said subject a protein-restricted diet.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said protein-restricted diet is a phenylalanine-restricted diet wherein the total phenylalanine is restricted to less than 600 mg per day.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein said protein-restricted diet is a phenylalanine-restricted diet wherein the total phenylalanine is restricted to less than 300 mg per day.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein said subject is a pregnant female.

26. The method of claim 22, wherein said subject is an infant between the ages of 0 and 3 years of age.

27. The method of claim 22, wherein said subject is a female of child-bearing age that is contemplating pregnancy.

28. The method of claim 20, wherein said crystallized form of BH4 comprises purified polymorph B, wherein polymorph B, as a hydrochloride salt, exhibits an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with the following characteristic peaks expressed in d-values(A): 8.7 (vs), 5.63 (m), 4.76(m), 4.40 (m), 4.00 (s), 3.23 (s), 3.11 (vs), preferably 8.7 (vs), 6.9 (w), 5.90 (vw), 5.63 (m), 5.07 (m), 4.76 (m), 4.40 (m), 4.15 (w), 4.00 (s), 3.95 (m), 3.52 (m), 3.44 (w), 3.32 (m), 3.23 (s), 3.17 (w), 3.11 (vs), 3.06 (w), 2.99 (w), 2.96 (w), 2.94 (m), 2.87 (w), 2.84 (s), 2.82 (m), 2.69 (w), 2.59 (w), and 2.44 (w).

29. The method of claim 20, wherein said crystallized form of BH4 comprises purified polymorph A, wherein polymorph A, as a hydrochloride salt, exhibits an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with the following characteristic peaks expressed in d-values(A): 15.5 (vs), 12.0 (m), 6.7 (m), 6.5 (m), 6.3 (w), 6.1 (w), 5.96 (w), 5.49 (m), 4.89 (m), 3.79 (m), 3.70 (s), 3.48 (m), 3.45 (m), 3.33 (s), 3.26 (s), 3.22 (m), 3.18 (m), 3.08 (m), 3.02 (w), 2.95 (w), 2.87 (m), 2.79 (w), 2.70 (w).

30. The method of claim 20, wherein said crystallized form of BH4 comprises purified polymorph F, wherein polymorph F, as a hydrochloride salt, exhibits an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with the following characteristic peaks expressed in d-values(A): 17.1 (vs), 12.1 (w), 8.6 (w), 7.0 (w), 6.5 (w), 6.4 (w), 5.92 (w), 5.72 (w), 5.11 (w), 4.92 (m), 4.86 (w), 4.68 (m), 4.41 (w), 4.12 (w), 3.88 (w), 3.83 (w), 3.70 (m), 3.64 (w),